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## Literary Notes

The Outlook is making a point of publishing in each of its monthly illustrated issues, portraits and brief sketches of men and women of immediate interest. The May issue contains fine portraits of Governor Odell, the Countess Tolstoi, the new Attorney-General Knox, Prince Ito (the Japanese statesman), Mr. Ben Foster, whose painting, "Lulled by the Murmuring Stream," is one of two American landscapes recently purchased by the French government for the Luxembourg; portraits of the men who have made the Pan-American Exposition at Buffalo possible are also included. (\$3 a year. The Outlook Company, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York.)

Probably no other magazines are read by so many people as the copies of *The Ladies' Home Journal* that go to a Connecticut lady. After reading each number she forwards it to a sister in Scotland, where it is read by the household and neighbors, and carefully laid away till the end of the year. The twelve copies are then given to the stewardess of a Shetland Island steamer, who retains them until read by her and all the crew. Then they are left at a remote Shetland Island town, where they serve as a sort of circulating library, passing from house to house for a year or more, until they are literally worn out. In its journeys each magazine finds its way into scores of homes and is always eagerly scanned by hundreds of eyes.

A most significant article is contributed to the May *World's Work*, just at this time when the Cuban commissioners have arrived in Washington to confer with the President. Senator O. H. Platt of Connecticut, who, as chairman of the Senate Committee on Relations in Cuba, and author of the much discussed Platt Amendment, is the man most prominently connected with the subject, in this article sums up the whole matter of Cuban relations, and outlines the conclusion to which it must lead. "The key note of the matter is," he

says, "that Cuba shall be and remain independent under a staple republican government, which the United States will assist in maintaining against foreign aggression or domestic disorder. Cuba needs this, because it will be practically powerless either to repel foreign aggression or to maintain peace and order at home if the turbulence of the past shall reappear." But the strange attitude of the Cubans which, at present, has led to the Commission's trip to Washington, is that, as a matter of course, "they will have a right to call upon the United States for their defense, but will not agree in advance that we may assert that right. . . . The United States asks for nothing more than this, but it recognizes its obligation and insists upon its right to see that such results are to be permanently secured." The conference between the President and the Commission will doubtless focus further discussion upon this very point, and such a conclusion, as Senator Platt points out as inevitable, might well furnish a basis for the settlement of our whole "colonial" problem.

A leading feature of *The Chautauquan* for May is an illustrated article describing the "Primitive Industrial Civilization of China."

The international point of view presented to readers of this magazine in "The Rivalry of Nations: World Politics of Today," reaches a comprehensive statement of the political and industrial situation which centers in the far East.

Martelle Elliott, head mistress of the high school at Poona, India, contributes a description of the curious "Hindu Beliefs About the World and Heavenly Bodies."

The May instalment of "A Reading Journey in the Orient," comes from the highest of authorities, Rufus B. Richardson, head of the American Classical School at Athens. Under the title "Attica, Boeotia, and Corinth," he furnishes an account of many of the wonderful discoveries in which he has had a part, and the article is profusely illustrated with original photographs.

Professor Harold N. Fowler continues his illuminative studies of the religious life of Greeks in a paper on Socrates.

Professor William P. Trent of Columbia University contributes a Critical Study of Balzac's "Eugenie Grandet."

Among the practical papers in this issue are an illustrated nature study for May, entitled "Court-ing and Nesting Days," and Herbert W. Horwill's paper on "A Private Index, and How to Make It."

A large part of the C. L. S. C. Round Table is taken up by reports of "How Chautauqua Circles have Promoted Public Libraries" in all parts of the United States.

Paragraphs in the Highways and Byways treat of Phases of the Chinese Problem, Diplomatic Victory of the Powers (?), Turmoil in Austria, Triple Alliance Threatened, Isthmian Canal Negotiations, Danish West Indies, Wages in Manila, Government Telegraph and Telephone in Canada, American Suffrage Legislation, The Steel Trust and Competition, Labor Legislation, Coming Reforms in Taxation, Old Age Pensions, Australian Education, and Mr. Carnegie's Gifts.

The most pointed and practical standard of daily living of which I can think is to permit in one's self no open habit in word or deed that others might not safely imitate, and no secret habit that one would be ashamed to have the best and purest know.

—Frances E. Willard.

## A Psalm of Help

Be not cast down, nor filled with fear;  
Hold fast thy crown, for God is near  
Thee, precious soul.  
Be not dismayed;  
His arms are underneath thee still,  
And He will keep thee safe until  
The shadows fade.

Remember what thy Christ hath said  
And, trembling not, lift up thy head  
And let thy trust  
Unshaken be;  
Thy blessed Christ hath not forgot  
Thou art His child; thy Lord hath not  
Forsaken thee.

He knows thy way is hedged about,  
And that the day is dark without  
And dark within;  
He hears thee pray;  
He knows thy struggle and thy care,  
He knows the burden thou dost bear  
Day after day;

And He will come to thee and roll  
Thy burden from thee, troubled soul.  
Fret not, nor say  
He does not care  
For thee, altho He may for some;  
He soon will come, thy Lord will come,  
And answer prayer.

Pray on, nor think thy prayer unheard;  
Pray on, and rest upon His word,  
On Him alone  
Cast all thy care;  
He knoweth best the time to come,  
Anp He will come, thy Lord will come,  
And answer prayer.

—Melville W. Miller.

## College-Education a Power-Multiplier

The Presbyterian.

There is a tendency in our day to depreciate a college education as a paying investment. It is looked at from the cold standpoint of dollars and cents. It is claimed that one does not need it to make money, and that he forgets to a large extent the academic knowledge which he acquires, and so, practically, it is so much wasted time. It is further maintained that four years at college represents an age period that might be better employed in business-training, or in pursuits that bring in the ready cash. All is viewed in a commercial way, and, as the result, many who might, and should, obtain a liberal education fail to do so, and some who make the attempt, sooner or later abandon it.

It seems to us that this is a very low, as well as mistaken, view of the place and use of a college education. Even from a pecuniary standpoint it has a money-value, as it multiplies the power to earn and to accumulate. It places in the hands of the fitting instrument the knowledge which can be utilized to practical advantage, not only in earning a better livelihood, but in securing a fortune. We have in mind a young graduate, who, a few years ago, left his alma mater a poor lad, but is now a millionaire. He there obtained, not only the trained mind which fitted him for a special business-career, but got the information and suggestions by means of his studies which enabled him to work out results that made him such a neces-